# SENATE BILL                                          No. 191

**Introduced by Senator Cedillo**

February 10, 2005

An act to add Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 66230) to Part 40 of the Education Code, relating to voter registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 191, as amended, Cedillo. Voter registration: public institutions of higher education.

(1) Existing law requires the Secretary of State to annually provide secondary education and specified postsecondary education campuses with a number of voter registration forms consistent with the number of students enrolled at each school. The Secretary of State is required to provide written notice with each form instructing students regarding voter eligibility and where to file the completed forms.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's 3 public segments of higher education and their respective campuses. These 3 public segments are the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California; the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University; and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act apply to the University of California only to the extent

that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, act to make them applicable.

This bill would strongly urge the Regents of the University of California, and would require the Trustees of the California State University and the governing board of each community college district, to make ~~voter registration available to students via the Internet~~ *links to state and county voter registration Web sites available on community college district Web sites* or distribute voter registration forms to students at the beginning of each academic term, as prescribed.

To the extent that this bill would create new duties for community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1　　SECTION 1.　Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 66230)
2　is added to Part 40 of the Education Code, to read:
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4　　　　Chapter 4.3. Voter Registration Information
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6　　66230. It is the intent of the Legislature that the public
7　colleges and universities of this state foster an educational
8　environment that promotes civic responsibility.
9　　66230.5. The Regents of the University of California are
10　strongly urged to, and the Trustees of the California State
11　University and the governing board of each community college
12　district shall, make ~~voter registration available to students via the~~
13　~~Internet~~ *links to state and county voter registration Web sites*
14　*available on community college district Web sites* or distribute

1 voter registration forms to students at the beginning of each
2 academic term by both of the following means:
3   (a) During the oncampus issuance of student identification
4 cards as an individual attachment to the application.
5   (b) During the student class registration process.
6   SEC. 2.  If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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